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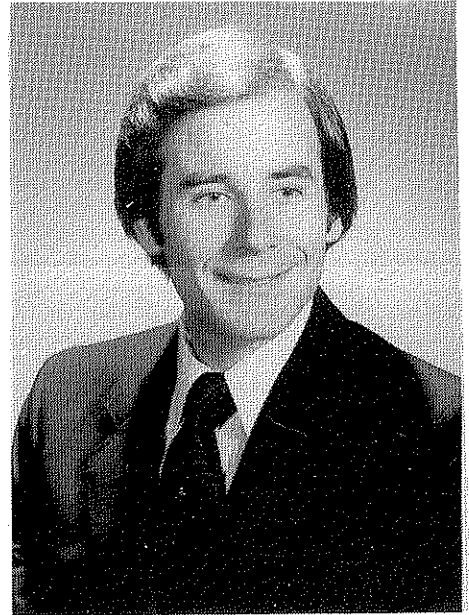
## SCHUR INSTALLED FOR CENTENNIAL YEAR

While organizing my thoughts in preparation for my term, I questioned why I wanted to become Grand Knight. As I pondered this question I thought of a great leader of our country, who once said "One man can make the difference and every man should try". With problems surrounding our world, country, homes and council, I felt I could contribute my efforts in bringing the words Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, the principles of the Knights of Columbus, to the hearts of all the members. This term will be a very important one for all of us, as we will be reaching a great milestone in the history of our order, the 100th anniversary of its inception by Fr. Michael McGivney on March 29th, 1882. It is an honor for me to be able to lead Union Council towards this proud moment. The Knights of Columbus is no longer just an organization, it's a tradition.

Let us never be complacent or satisfied with status quo. We must be untiring in our efforts to make the Knights of Columbus and our Council even better for our members. I, in concert with my fellow officers will faithfully serve you, the membership, in your best interest and with the best interest of the community in mind. We will present, implement and follow through with the programs, handed down by the state and supreme, so important to the principles of Columbianism.

Thank you for sharing this happy event with me. As I reflect on the past years as a young officer of our Council, I often recall asking myself if I could be the man it would take to be a Grand Knight someday. Not just any man, and not just any Grand Knight, but a man who will be responsible for the greatest Council in the state — a Council with exceptionally high standards, a Council with Past Grand Knights who continue to be concerned with the well being and growth of the order and a Council with brothers who are not afraid to give of themselves for a common goal.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my mother and father who worked very hard to shape this "lump of clay" of a child into the man I am today. I thank God for them and the love they have shown to me. To my wife, Roseanne; for her support, encouragement and love, without whom none of this could be possible. To my mother and father-in-law who allowed me to marry their daughter and introduced me to the Knights of Columbus and the beautiful people associated with it. To Father Ed for his support, prayers and blessing throughout the years. To my daughter, Danielle, who hasn't said too much about this situation so far, but I'm sure she will understand and will someday be proud of her Grand Knight Daddy. And finally, I thank God for giving me this opportunity to serve him through the Knights of Columbus.



As a poet once said, "I expect to pass through the world but once, any good thing therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now, let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again".

I thank you and God Bless you all.

Roger Schur  
Grand Knight

### James P. Moran, PGK Knight of the Year 1980 — 1981



Jim Moran has served our Council for 20 years, 10 of those years as a Council Officer. He served as Grand Knight for the 1976-77 Columbian year, then was appointed a District Deputy where his achievements was recognized by both  
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#### Knight of the Year (con't)

the State and Supreme councils. Jim presently serves the Council as Ceremonial Chairman and his dedication to Degree practice is responsible, in a large part, for Union Council being awarded the State Championship Ceremonial Award for the past two years. Jim is the author of the Digest article, RANDOM THOUGHTS, and serves as a judge in many of our youth contests. He is also a popular after-dinner speaker. Jim also serves as Vice-President of the Executive Committee for the Catholic Community Services

Jim is a happy bachelor and has been employed by Western Electric for the past 22 years and is a communicant of St. James Parish, Springfield. A connoisseur of fine food and drink, Jim is a world traveler and a devoted fan of the Metropolitan Opera.

I congratulate our Knight of the Year, Jim Moran, as a well deserving recipient of this coveted award and thank him for his service to the Order, our Council and to me during my term as Grand Knight.

Jim Johnson  
Past Grand Knight

### "Centennial Year" Membership Goal Set At 200

As we are about to enter the Centennial Year of our Order, which was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882, the new officers of the Council have set a membership goal of 200 new members as our contribution to the success of this Anniversary Year.

This goal cannot be achieved without the help and cooperation of our present members. We are inviting every member to actively participate in this recruitment program.

The qualifications for membership in the Knights of Columbus are as follows: "Only practical Catholics in union with the Holy See shall be eligible to and entitled to continue membership in the Order. An applicant for membership shall not be less than 18 years of age on his last birthday." You will be surprised to learn that many Catholic men are not members simply because they have never been asked to join.

The objectives of our Order are four-fold: To develop fellowship, to aid our

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At a recent dinner meeting of Union Council 4504, Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight, Jim Johnson, presented the proceeds of the retarded citizens drive which was conducted in Union on May 1, 2, and 3. The recipients left to right are Sister Ann Dominic, O.P., representing Camp Fatima; Grand Knight, Jim Johnson, Barbara Brande, accepting for Catholic Community Services; and Mrs. Pam Drodar from Camp Union.

All of the proceeds will be used for the recreation, educational and physical needs of the retarded citizens of our area. The Grand Knight in his remarks said the Knights of Columbus were privileged to be a part of the annual drive for such a worthwhile cause.

## GOD

is our refuge and  
strength, a very  
present help  
in trouble.

*Psalm 46:1*

"Centennial Year"  
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church, to perform charitable, educational and patriotic works, and to provide a system of fraternal insurance.

Council activities are aimed at creating more family participation; Council Mass — First Friday, Halloween and Christmas Parties, dances, bowling, Volley ball, picnics and various other events. The Knights, truly a "family organization," have taken steps to assure that widows and children of deceased members remain a part of our extended family. Widows continue to receive the Council Digest as well as the Columbia Magazine.

If any member has any questions pertaining to any phase of Columbianism, kindly contact any of the new officers who will be happy to provide you with the answers.

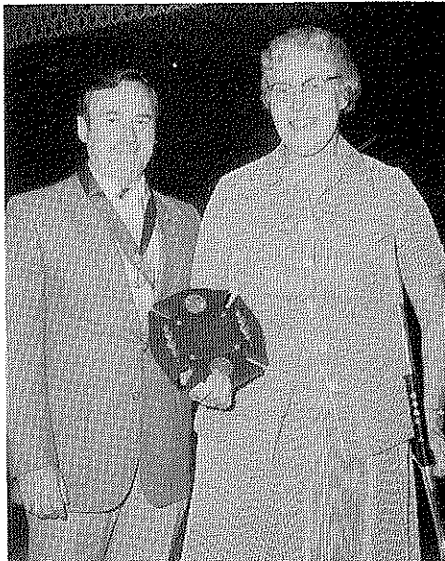
A membership application is to be sent to all members. The reverse side of the application lists 12 Reasons Why You Should Be a Knight of Columbus. Additional applications may be picked up at the Council Home or by calling the Membership Director at 964-0429



Retired Union Fire Captain, Anthony W. Venezia, was unanimously selected as the recipient of the Union Council 4504, Knights of Columbus Annual Shield Award. Making the presentation is Grand Knight, Jim Johnson, Captain Venezia and Deputy Grand Knight, Roger Schur.

Captain Venezia was honored for his many years of dedicated service to the residents of Union on March 6, 1979. He received a commendation from Township Officials for service beyond the call of duty at a house fire.

Captain Venezia and his wife Ann, reside in Union and have four children, and are the proud grandparents of two grandchildren.



Grand Knight, James F. Johnson, of Union Council 4504, Knights of Columbus, presented the Annual Mariner Award to Rev. Nancy E. Forsberg, Pastor of The First Congregational Church, Union, at a recent dinner meeting at the Council. The Mariner Award is given each year in recognition of a person's dedication to God, Country and Community. The Grand Knight remarked that Rev. Nancy, in addition to her many trips to Israel and the Middle East, is a past president of the Clergy Association of Union, and has accepted responsibilities on task forces for persons with handicaps. She lectures extensively to Jewish, Catholic and Protestant Congregations and is a life member of Hadassah.

Rev. Nancy originated the idea of a community-wide Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service in Union which is becoming more popular every year. The Grand Knight concluded by saying it was a pleasure to present this coveted award to such an outstanding woman of our community.

## Random Thoughts

Happiness is when a friend you have not seen for 20 year says you haven't changed a bit . . . The great thing about team work is that you can blame someone else when things go wrong . . . On the bumper of a farmers truck "Get high on milk — my cows on grass . . ." There are lots of self-help groups around like Overeaters Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous. Now they have a new group, it's called Anonymous Anonymous. It's for people who don't want you to know what's wrong with them . . . When you can think of yesterday without regret and tomorrow without fear, you are approaching contentment . . . Being weighed down with responsibilities won't necessarily tire you, but dodging them will . . . The woman next door went into a supermarket with a shopping cart full of money and came out with a pocket book full of food . . . One time when you are not critical of either the voice or the tune is when someone is singing your praises . . . A fellow in Las Vegas didn't have any money to gamble, so he watched the games and bet mentally. In no time at all he'd lost his mind . . . Somehow everything suggesting authority seem to wind up in court these days. If the Ten Commandments had been published for the first time in the past decade, chances are someone would challenge them for discriminating against sinners . . . The real difference between hunters and fishermen is that hunters lie in wait and fishermen wait and lie . . . A woman and a car are a lot alike. A good paint job cancels the years, but the lines tell the story . . . Doesn't it make you sick to pay a dollar for a nice get well card? . . . Its a funny thing about men sitting at bars, they're all there for one or two reasons. Either they have no wife to go home to — or they do! . . . It is a common mistake to think of failures as the enemy of success. Failure is a teacher, a harsh one, but the best. Pull your failures to pieces looking for the reasons. Put your failures to work for you.

Jim Moran

## Telephone

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the following Committee-men:

William M. Heady  
Wesley Czap  
Henry J. Labay  
Andrew F. Mados  
Edward A. Muszynski  
Leonard J. Pannucci  
Michael N. Skiro

To each of these brothers we extend sincere congratulations and best wishes, not only from the committee but from the entire Council. We thank you for your effort to assist in making the telephone chain a sure means of reaching the council member in the shortest possible time.

During the Council year we made over 400 changes, additions and deletions in the telephone lists in an effort to keep the members speedily informed of the demise of a brother. Better than 5000 calls were made over this same period. The great majority of calls were made

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**Chaplain's  
Corner**  
Rev. Ed Swierzbinski

From time to time it is good to review familiar phrases, familiar teaching. Jesus said: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

Jesus is the way, He is the one way and the right way to healing and holiness on earth and to eternal glory and joy in heaven with his Father and our Father.

Jesus is the truth. He is the whole truth and nothing but the truth about God's magnificent, overflowing love for each one of us.

Jesus is the life, the fulness of life that overcomes death, the life that abounds in pardon and peace, love and mercy.

These three splendid strokes of Jesus' self-portrait blend into one common quality that makes this picture of Jesus a living presentation not a lifeless product. The one aspect that unites the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus is GROWTH. When Jesus chose these three words — way, truth, life — he selected three terms that have a living, growing, ongoing quality about them.

Jesus is indeed the way. He is not just a static place, a stationary spot, least of all a dead end. He is a growing way that is still going on. A reading of any of the four gospels shows us how much Jesus was a man on the move during his ministry, walking from town to town or boating from shore to shore, stopping just long enough to teach and heal the people who often had to run to catch up with him.

Jesus is indeed the truth. He is not just a few disconnected facts put together or an assortment of ideas and ideals that have no unity, coherence, or emphasis and hence no vitality. He is the growing, expanding truth about God and the truth about God's people. This truth needs continual study and reflection in order to be more fully understood and applied to our own lives.

Jesus is indeed the life. He is not just a life one lived and now fondly or faintly remembered by a few of his followers. He is the growing life of his Body, the Church. He is the life that never dies but continually rises to overcome everything and everyone who obstructs life.

Because every Christian is a person who is trying to live the life of Jesus Christ today, this living portrait of Jesus is also a living image of each one of us. Each of us is a way — a way that helps others go to God or a way that hinders others from finding god. Each of us is a truth — a truth that reveals what we  
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**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

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really believe or a truth that says we prefer not to practice the truth. Each of us is a life — a life that either promotes or prevents life from reaching its fulness.

**Telephone**

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due to the passing of a member but we also activated the chain, at the request of the Grand Knight, for the blood bank last Fall. We are still not happy about the attendance at the Wakes and we urge you to make a real effort to come out in the future. and, of course, none of these articles would be complete without our once again pleading for volunteers for captains. The only work involved is to make, at the most, 10 telephone calls whenever the occasion arises, which we hope is infrequent.

I would like to add my own personal thanks and appreciation to all the Committeemen for their loyalty and efforts to make the telephone chain a credit to our Council. Have a holy, happy, safe summer.

Art Weber

**Calendar of Events**

- August 8 Bus Ride to Monmouth Park
- 12 Council Day at Swim Club
- 15 Teen Dance
- 22 Council Meeting Corn Fest
- Sept 8 Bowling League Begins
- 11 Sacred Heart Devotion — First Friday
- 19 Council Picnic
- 25 New K of C Member Indoctrination
- 26 PGK Dinner Dance

**We Need Your Support**

As the newly appointed Program Director, I would like to ask all my brother Knights to take an active role in supporting all council activities.

We will soon be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Knights of Columbus, and to go along with the festive celebration Union Council will have many opportunities for you and your family to find social and religious enrichment.

The various committee chairmen will be looking for your support, and you can help them by donating your time, or by contributing suggestions on what you would like to see, do, or experience.

If you are interested in working on one of our committees, or have any suggestions, please fill out the form below and return it either directly to me or place it within the appropriate box in the council.

Bill Heady  
Program Director

**Form**

Name .....  
Address .....  
Phone .....

I would like to work on the following committee. Please check.

- .....Church Activities
- .....Community Activities
- .....Council Activities
- .....Youth Activities
- .....Membership
- .....Civic and Cultural
- .....Servicemen's
- .....Athletics
- .....Human Values

I would like to make the following suggestion. ....

- Oct 2 Sacred Heart Devotion — First Friday
- 11 Columbus Park Ceremony



**Knights of Columbus**

UNION COUNCIL 4504

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**1981-1982 Officers**

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**Regular Council Meetings**

8:15 p.m. 2nd and 4th Mondays

**Union Council 4504 K. of C.**

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